LEADS DAILY BULLETIN

October 29, 2026

Illinois FoxTalk/OFML Requirements

Improper XML Placeholders and Text Submissions

Recently, agencies using an interface (Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Record Management System (RMS), Mobile Data Computer (MDC)) to query LEADS information and/or perform file maintenance (enter, modify, cancel, clear) on Illinois' hot files were required to migrate to the new connection specifications, FoxTalk/OFML. During recent administrative reviews, many interfaces were submitting non-conformant messages.

Improper XML Placeholders

As part of the FoxTalk/OFML specifications, certain fields must be submitted for transactions to be accepted. These fields are contained in the OFML header section and defined by the Illinois Specific Requirements found here - https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADSInterfaces

LEADS Administration has become aware of interfaces submitting placeholder or self-closing tags for the USR *(<USR/>)* and ORI *(<ORI/>)* fields – meaning the element has no content. To date, these messages have passed current edits. However, adjustments have been made to the edits to interrogate each of the above required HDR fields and reject those messages with improper configurations. See examples of correct and incorrect messages here *https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADSInterfaces*.

Text Submissions

Additionally, some interfaces are submitting messages using legacy message keys via embedded TXT elements. These messages must also be changed to reflect FoxTalk/OFML standards. See examples of correct and incorrect messages here *https://isp.illinois.gov/LawEnforcement/LEADSInterfaces*.

On November 1, 2026, the edits will be implemented to reject improperly formatted messages. **As of this date, messages formatted with self-closing tags or legacy message keys will be rejected.** Agencies using an interface (Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Record Management System (RMS), Mobile Data Computer (MDC)) must contact their vendor to confirm if changes are required.

If you have questions, please contact the ISP Help Desk at ISP.HelpDesk@illinois.gov or by calling 866/LEADS-00.

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Improper XML Placeholders:

CORRECT MESSAGE

<OFML>
<HDR>
<ID>NB9999</ID>
<DAT>2026030940001</DAT>
<DAC>ABC</DAC>
<USR>USERID</USR>
<MKE>Z2</MKE>
<ORI>IL0999999</ORI>
</HDR>
<TRN>
<OLN>F300xxxxxxxx</OLN>
<IMQ>Y</IMQ>
<RSH>Y</RSH>
</TRN>
</OFML>

Incorrect Message

<OFML>
<HDR>
<ID>5f5xxx6</ID>
<DAC>CAA</DAC>
<DAT>20230210130504</DAT>
<USR/>
<ORI/>
<MKE>Z2</MKE>
</HDR>
<TRN>
<OLN>D1545xxxxxxx</OLN>
<IMQ>Y</IMQ>
<RSH>Y</RSH>
</TRN>
</OFML>

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Text Submissions

CORRECT MESSAGE

<OFML>
<HDR>
<ID>xx3979</ID>
<DAT>20260208530001</DAT>
<DAC>ABC</DAC>
<USR>USERID</USR>
<MKE>Z5</MKE>
<ORI>IL0999999</ORI>
</HDR>
<TRN>
<OLN>F300188xxxxx</OLN>
<IMQ>Y</IMQ>
<RSH>Y</RSH>
</TRN>
</OFML>

Incorrect Message

<OFML>
<HDR>
<ID>PGXY</ID>
<DAC>ABC</DAC>
<DAT>20260509080012</DAT>
<USR>1298767</USR>
<REF>x18xxxx</REF>
<MKE>FREE</MKE>
<ORI>ILxxx0000</ORI>
</HDR>
<TRN>
<FRE>LZV5.LIC/BJ9999.LIS/IL.</FRE>
</TRN>
</OFML>

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